

Mr. Penn's Speech TO THE KING.

May it please the King,

IT was the Saying of our blessed Saviour to the captious *Jews* in the Case of Tribute, *render to Caesar the things that are Caesars, and to God the things that are Gods*: As this distinction ought to be observed by all men in the conduct of their Lives; So the King hath given us an illustrious Example in his own Person, who while he was a Subject gave *Caesar* his Tribute, and now he is *Caesar* gives God his Due, viz. The Sovereignty of Conscience, and that highly obliges us to render Him his Due. It is by this Grace the *King* hath relieved his dissenting Subjects from their cruel Sufferings and raised to Himself a new and large Empire in adding their Affections to their Duty; and we pray God to continue the

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King in this noble Resolution ; for he is now upon a Principle that hath good Nature, Humanity, Christianity and the good of Civil Society on its Side : A Security to Him beyond all the little Arts in Government : Nor would we that any should think we are come hither with design to fill up *Gazetts* with Thanks, but as our Sufferings would have moved Stones to Compassion : So we should be harder if we were not moved with Gratitude now, since the *Kings* Mercy and Goodness hath reached to us through the *Kingdom* of *England* and *Principality* of *Wales*. Our *General Assembly*, sent from all those Parts to meet at *London* about our Church Affairs, have appointed Us to wait upon the *King* with these humble Thanks, and Me to deliver them, which I do with all the *Affection* and *Respect* of a Dutiful Subject.

L O N D O N,

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